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1. GENEVA GROUP ROME REACHED FOLLOWING DECISIONS IN MARCH 3 MEETING.

2. COUNTRY REPRESENTATIVES WILL SEPARATELY INFORM FAO WE CONSIDER \$185 MILLION LEVEL TOO HIGH. WE DO NOT CONSIDER THIS GENERALIZED APPROACH SUFFICIENT, HOWEVER, AND BELIEVE IT NECESSARY THAT WE AND DELEGATIONS TO FAO COUNCIL FOCUS ON PRIORITIES, BASED ON RECOMMENDATIONS OF PROGRAM AND FINANCE COMMITTEES.

3. NETHERLANDS RAISED POINT THAT NOTHING IS BEING DONE TO FOLLOW UP ON CONSULTATION RECOMMENDED IN PARAGRAPH 13 OF WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE RESOLUTION 22. UNLIKE PARAGRAPH 14, THIS PARAGRAPH SEEMS TO INDICATE THAT ROME SHOULD BE CENTER OF CONSULTATION. SOME DELEGATIONS BELIEVE, HOWEVER, THAT IT WOULD BE WISE TO
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CONSULT IN DAC IN PRELIMINARY FASHION BEFORE INVOLVING NON-

DONOR COUNTRIES AND FAO.

4. SINCE FAO HAS REASSERTED ITS INTENTION TO GIVE AZIZ ADG SALARY AS DEPUTY TO WORLD FOOD COUNCIL EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HAHNAH, IT WAS AGREED THAT COUNTIRES WITH RELEVANT INSTRUCTIONS (UNITED STATES, CANADA, UNITED KINGDOM, AND AUSTRALIA) MAKE FORMAL REPRESENTATIONS TO FAO OPPOSING SUCH SALARY LEVEL NOT WITH REFERENCE TO AZIZ, BUT OBJECTING TO ESTABLISHING LEVEL OF PAY HIGHER THAN WE AGREE TO. SUGGEST PARALLEL POSITION TO BE TAKEN IN BUDGET DISCUSSIONS IN NEW YORK. VOLPE

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